



FORESTRY CONTEST

February 2015 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 33rd Idaho State Forestry Contest!

Coaches and Contestants: Put **May 14, 2015** on your calendar to participate in the 33rd Idaho State Forestry Contest! **Pre-registration is mandatory** and forms are included with this newsletter. Plan to arrive by 8am on contest day to complete your registration and join in the 9am group picture. And please plan to stay for the post-contest lunch and awards ceremony, which ends by 2pm.

When and Where

May 14, 2015

Delay Farm - Careywood

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Barbecue lunch provided

Junior/Senior Division: Teams and/or Individual Competition

Each contestant receives an **individual** score. **Teams** consist of **four** members, whose individual scores are combined into their team's total. *Individuals do not have to be on a team to compete at the contest.* Awards are presented to winning teams and individuals in **Junior (grades 7-8)** and **Senior (grades 9-12) Divisions**.

To prepare for the contest, study the 2014 Forestry Contest Manual and the booklets "Regional Noxious Weeds" and "Logging Selectively." The Manual is online at the websites below and if you need either of the booklets, call Linda at 263-5310x100. Free "tutoring" is also available – contact Tom Johnson with IDL at 263-5104.

Rookie Division: Competition for 6th Graders

The Rookie Course is designed for 6th grade (& under) contestants as an alternative to the non-competitive Novice Course. Rookies are tested on 5 out of the 10 categories in the 2014 Forestry Contest Manual. Like the Junior/Senior contest, awards are presented to both winning teams and individuals.

Novice Division: Non-Competitive Forestry Education for Elementary Students

The Novice Division is designed for first-time elementary school participants or students who are not ready to compete. Novices walk their course with a professional forester who will introduce them to the forestry skills and knowledge needed to compete in the future.

Pre-Registration Deadline is April 17!

Return the enclosed pre-registration form by April 17 to Karen Robinson via fax: 208-263-0724, email: krobinson@idl.idaho.gov, or mail: IDL-POL, 2550 Hwy 2 West, Sandpoint ID 83864.

Would you like to volunteer at the contest?

Contact Karen at 263-5104 or krobinson@idl.idaho.gov

Prepare for All Test Stations

All **10** topics will be tested in the Junior/Senior contest & **5** of those are tested in the Rookie contest. If you'd like help preparing, contact your local Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), UI Cooperative Extension, or Natural Resources Conservation Service office. OR contact Tom Johnson at the IDL office in Sandpoint (208-263-5104) or email tjohnson@idl.idaho.gov

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